

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 197

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Susan Calahan on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Uffelman Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Susan Calahan is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calahan has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Uffelman Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calahan received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for thirty-four years, thirty-three of them at Uffelman Elementary; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Ms. Calahan is a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Putnam County Education Association; and

WHEREAS, she lends her time and professional talents to her school in numerous ways including serving as an active member of the Parent Teacher Organization and working as an after-school academic assistant, with MHS Project Graduation, and MHS Quarterback Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Susan Calahan has received many awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher, including Uffelman Teacher of the Year for 2002 and 2006; of special note is Ms. Calahan's incredible TCAP scores for the 2005-2006 school year, in which 100 percent of her class ranked proficient or advanced in both reading and math; and

WHEREAS, Susan Calahan is also most notable for her tireless commitment to her church, for which she faithfully serves on the Church Board, the Sunday School Board, and as a Sunday School teacher; she also volunteers for the local Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calahan truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Susan Calahan on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Uffelman Elementary School, commend her exceptional career of service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.